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SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER STANFIELD ANNOUNCES
HE WILL NOT RUN AGAIN

1. IN BRIEF OTTAWA PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 14 PC LEADER
ROBERT STANFIELD ANNOUNCED "I HAVE DECIDED THAT I WILL NOT
RUN IN ANOTHER GENERAL ELECTION, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
THIS PARLIAMENT RUNS ITS NORMAL LENGTH OF TIME."

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HAVING MADE THAT DECISION STANFIELD
HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN TEMPORARILY AS PC LEADER UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS:

(A) THAT IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD HE WILL NOT LEAD THE
PARTY IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION;

(S) THAT NO SPECIFIC DATE BE PUT ON THIS DATE OF
RESIGNATION;

(3) THAT NO ASSURANCE BE GIVEN THAT HE WILL REMAIN
FOR A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME, AND

(4) THAT HE WOULD REMAIN ONLY AS LONG AS HE HAD
CONFIDENCE OF CAUCUS AND WAS LEADING AN EFFECTIVE
OPPOSITION FORCE. PARTY CAUCUS APPROVED STANFIELD
PLAN ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ALBERTA MP JACK HORNER, WHO HAS BEEN MOST
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OUTSPOKEN PC MEMBER TO CALL FOR STANFIELD'S DEPARTURE

AS PC LEADER, INDICATED THAT GIVEN CAUCUS DECISION TO
SUPPORT STANFIELD, HE NOW "HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO
REMAIN IN A PARTY THAT ADHERES TO TOTAL RIGIDITY OF
THOUGHT." ACCORDING TO HORNER, "STANFIELD'S DECISION
TO REMAIN AS LEADER TEMPORARILY WILL FURTHER DIVIDE THE
PARTY AND HASTEN THE FORMATION OF A NEW WESTERN-BASED
FREE ENTERPRISE PARTY... THE NEW PARTY IDEA HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED IN THE PAST AND IT'S AN OPTION THAT I AM GOING
TO DISCUSS AGAIN."
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